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See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 AND 1.28

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Application Number 09/258,013

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First Named Inventor Alok Kumar Srivastava, et al.

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3. ☐ Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Large Entity<br>Fee<br>Code | Large Entity<br>Fee<br>(\$) | Small Entity<br>Fee<br>Code | Small Entity<br>Fee<br>(\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------|
| 1051                        | 130                         | 2051                        | 65                          | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052                        | 50                          | 2052                        | 25                          | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                    |          |
| 1053                        | 130                         | 1053                        | 130                         | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812                        | 2,520                       | 1812                        | 2,520                       | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 1804                        | 920*                        | 1804                        | 920*                        | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805                        | 1,840*                      | 1805                        | 1,840*                      | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251                        | 110                         | 2251                        | 55                          | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252                        | 420                         | 2252                        | 210                         | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253                        | 950                         | 2253                        | 475                         | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254                        | 1,480                       | 2254                        | 740                         | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255                        | 2010                        | 2255                        | 1005                        | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401                        | 330                         | 2401                        | 165                         | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402                        | 330                         | 2402                        | 165                         | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403                        | 290                         | 2403                        | 145                         | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451                        | 1,510                       | 1451                        | 1,510                       | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452                        | 110                         | 2452                        | 55                          | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453                        | 1330                        | 2453                        | 665                         | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501                        | 1330                        | 2501                        | 665                         | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502                        | 480                         | 2502                        | 240                         | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503                        | 640                         | 2503                        | 320                         | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460                        | 130                         | 1460                        | 130                         | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807                        | 50                          | 1807                        | 50                          | Petitions related to provisional applications                              |          |
| 1806                        | 180                         | 1806                        | 180                         | Submission of information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021                        | 40                          | 8021                        | 40                          | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809                        | 770                         | 2809                        | 385                         | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810                        | 770                         | 2810                        | 385                         | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| Other fee (specify) _____   |                             |                             |                             |  |          |
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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity<br>Fee<br>Code | Large Entity<br>Fee<br>(\$) | Small Entity<br>Fee<br>Code | Small Entity<br>Fee<br>(\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001                        | 770                         | 2001                        | 385                         | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002                        | 340                         | 2002                        | 170                         | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003                        | 530                         | 2003                        | 265                         | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004                        | 770                         | 2004                        | 385                         | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005                        | 160                         | 2005                        | 80                          | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**0.00****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

| Total Claims       | Highest Paid Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from Below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
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| 4                  | -3**=               | 1            | 86.00          | 86.00    |
| Multiple Dependent |                     |              |                |          |

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1202                        | 18                          | 2202                        | 9                           | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
| 1201                        | 86                          | 2201                        | 43                          | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |
| 1203                        | 290                         | 2203                        | 145                         | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                     |
| 1204                        | 86                          | 2204                        | 43                          | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205                        | 18                          | 2205                        | 9                           | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**230.00**

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SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$)**0.00****SUBMITTED BY**

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PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In re Application of

Alok Kumar SRIVASTAVA et al.

Serial No.: 09/258,013

Filed: February 25, 1999

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PARTICIPANTS IN A DISTRIBUTED  
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: Confirmation No.: 3268

: Group Art Unit: 2142

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2003, the shortened statutory period for which runs until February 10, 2004.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are no Specification Amendments. There are no Drawings Amendments.  
Claim Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.
- Remarks begin at page 8.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks.

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02 FC:1202

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